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To the Chairmen and Members of the Joint Committee, and the respective Chairmen and Councillors of the several constituent Authorities in the Combined Area.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my annual Report for the Year 1925, being the fifth Joint Report for the Combined Districts, which follows the lines laid down in Circular 648 of the Ministry of Health.

Infectious Diseases again show a decline, 109 as compared with 162 in the preceding year, and 170 in 1923, the average for the past five years being 180.2 this is shown in table I. D.

Anthrax. One case was notified during the year.

Diphtheria. Three (none fatal) as compared with eleven (none fatal) in 1924, the death rate for England and Wales in 1925 being .07.

Encephalitis Lethargica. Six cases were notified, three of which terminated fatally, as compared with ten in the preceding year, one of which was fatal.

Enteric Fever. Four notifications were received during the year, the same number as in 1924, no fatality occurred.

Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis. One case was notified as compared with two in the preceding year, a good recovery ensued.

Erysipelas. Sixteen cases were notified as compared with twenty in 1924, no fatality occurred.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum. Six notifications were received as compared with twenty in 1924, no fatality occurred.

Pneumonia. Twenty-three cases were notified as compared with fifty-six in 1924, twenty-five deaths occurred as against twenty-nine in 1924.

Puerperal Fever. One case was notified during the year as compared with one in 1924.

Scarlet Fever. Forty-eight notifications were received, none of which proved fatal, compared with fifty in 1924, one of which terminated fatally. The death-rate for this disease in England and Wales in 1925 = .02.

Tuberculosis. Fifty-five cases were notified, as compared with sixty-four in the preceding year. Twenty-five deaths occurred from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and twelve from Non-Pulmonary forms of the disease.

Particulars of all the above cases will be found in the sections of this Report relating to the several districts where they occurred.

Less anxiety was felt generally as regards Small Pox in 1925, I was only called in to see one suspicious case during the year, which happily proved to be only a severe case of Chicken Pox. All the districts as mentioned in my former Reports are provided with isolation hospital accommodation for this disease.

There appears to be an increasing readiness to send the more urgent cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria to an isolation hospital. At the present time cases are sent to the isolation hospitals of Banbury Borough and Abingdon Joint Hospital. It would be much more satisfactory if the Combined Districts possessed one of their own.

No cases of Dysentery, Malaria, Polioencephalitis, or Poliomyelitis Anterior Acuta were notified during the year.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Acts; Notification of Births Act; Midwives, Clinics for V.D., and Tuberculosis, Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, and the domiciliary treatment of Tuberculosis are undertaken by the County Council. Arrangements are also made by the County Council for the payment of cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum treated at the Oxford Eye Hospital.

Schools. These are managed by the County Authorities, but there is close co-operation between the School Medical Officer and the Health Authorities, duplicate notifications of all cases of sickness being sent to the School Medical Officer and the Medical Officer of Health.

The Rural District Councils (Slaughter Houses) Order 1924, and the Public Health Meat Regulations 1924, came into operation on 1st April, 1925, and the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act 1915, on 1st September, 1925.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

EDWIN MORTON, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health,
North Oxon.

St. Joseph's,
Aston, Oxford,
August, 1926.

Sanitary Inspectors.

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Banbury Rural - - -	E. Ernest Oakes, 12 Horsefair, Banbury.
Chipping Norton Borough -	R. Stanton, Chipping Norton.
Chipping Norton Rural - -	A. T. Green, 5 Enstone Road, Charlbury.
Witney Urban - - -	W. Geo. Eaton, Corn Exchange, Witney.
Witney Rural - - -	A. J. Basford, Blanket Hall, Witney.
Woodstock Borough - -	W. G. Willoughby, Woodstock.
Woodstock Rural - - -	P. Walton, Begbroke, Oxon.

North Oxon Combined Districts.

The Combined Districts of North Oxon comprise the Boroughs of Chipping Norton and Woodstock, the Urban District of Witney, and the Rural Districts of Banbury, Chipping Norton, Witney and Woodstock.

Table showing area of each district and the population estimated to the middle of the year.

District.	Area in Acres Land & Inland Water.	Estimated population middle of 1925.
Banbury Rural	... 50,236	... 11,220 (— 50)
Chipping Norton Borough	... 2,456	... 3,559 (+ 14)
Chipping Norton Rural	... 63,383	... 10,250 (— 90)
Witney Urban	... 378	... 3,449 (— 39)
Witney Rural	... 82,805	... 16,010 (—170)
Woodstock Borough ...	... 156	... 1,548 (— 24)
Woodstock Rural ...	... 47,698	... 10,450 (+ 10)
North Oxon Combined Districts Total ...	... 247,112	... 56,486 (—349)*

* The figures in brackets indicate increase or decrease on previous year.

BIRTHS and DEATHS, 1925.

District.	Corrected No. Births.	Birth rate.	Corrected No. Deaths.	Death rate.
Banbury Rural	204	18.1	169	15.06
Chipping Norton Borough	54	15.1	52	14.6
Chipping Norton Rural ...	157	15.3	128	12.5
Witney Urban	54	15.6	46	13.3
Witney Rural	277	17.3	195	12.1
Woodstock Borough ...	19	12.2	29	18.7
Woodstock Rural ...	189	18.1	143	13.6
North Oxon Combined Districts	954	16.7	762	13.4

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

District.	Number of Infantile Deaths.	Infantile Mortality Rate.*
Banbury Rural	9	44.1
Chipping Norton Borough ...	2	37
Chipping Norton Rural District	11	70.1
Witney Urban	5	92.5
Witney Rural District	7	28.8
Woodstock Borough	1	52.6
Woodstock Rural District ...	10	52.9
North Oxon Combined Districts	46	48.2

* The mortality rate among legitimate infants was 44.1 while that for illegitimates was 104.1.

DEATHS FROM THE PRINCIPAL ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

Small Pox	0
Enteric Fever	0
Scarlet Fever	0
Diphtheria	0
Measles	1
Whooping Cough	6
Diarrhoea and Enteritis ...	3

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

Thirty-seven deaths were registered from Tuberculosis as compared with thirty-eight in the preceding year, twenty-five (M. 17, F. 8) being of the Pulmonary variety, and twelve (M. 5, F. 7) Non-Pulmonary.

DEATHS FROM CANCER AND OTHER FORMS OF MALIGNANT DISEASE.

One hundred and four deaths (M. 52, F. 52) were recorded from these diseases, giving a death rate of 1.8, compared with 1.4 in 1924.

DEATHS FROM RESPIRATORY DISEASES

(Excluding Influenza and Tuberculosis)

Eighty-seven deaths occurred (M. 30, F. 57) these were as follows: Bronchitis 47 (M. 14, F. 33); Pneumonia 25 (M. 9, F. 16); Other Respiratory Diseases 15 (M. 7, F. 8); giving a general Respiratory Death rate of 1.5.

DEATHS FROM INFLUENZA.

Twenty-eight deaths were registered (M. 13, F. 15) giving a death rate of .49 as compared with .5 in the preceding year.

DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE.

Two suicides occurred during the year (1 male, 1 female); and twelve from other forms of violence (M. 9, F. 3).

	Anthrax.	Diphtheria.	Encephalitis Lethargica.	Enteric Fever.	Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	Erysipelas.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	Pneumonia.	Puerperal Fever.	Scarlet Fever.	TOTALS.
Banbury R.D.	...	2	1	1	...	4	...	7	1	21	37
Chipping Norton Borough ...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	1
Chipping Norton R.D. ...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	7
Witney U.D.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
Witney R.D.	...	...	1	1	1	3	...	2	...	8	16
Woodstock Borough ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	4	7
Woodstock R.D.	...	1	2	...	...	6	5	10	...	10	34
TOTALS ...	1	3	6	4	1	16	6	23	1	48	109

I. D.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES FOR THE YEARS 1921—1925 (Inclusive), FOR ALL DISTRICTS.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	Totals
Anthrax	—	—	—	1	1	2
Diphtheria	43	50	44	11	3	151
Dysentery	2	1	—	—	—	3
Encephalitis Lethargica ..	8	3	1	10	6	28
Enteric Fever	7	4	11	4	4	30
Epidemic Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ...	—	—	—	2	1	3
Erysipelas	16	20	17	20	16	89
Malaria	1	—	4	1	—	6
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	4	3	3	6	17
Pneumonia	19	30	18	56	23	146
Polioencephalitis ...	—	—	—	1	—	1
Poliomyelitis Anterior Acuta	—	1	1	1	—	3
Puerperal Fever ...	1	2	3	1	1	8
Scarlet Fever	162	85	68	51	48	414
Totals ...	260	200	170	162	109	901

Table X.—**Birth-rate, Death-rate,** and **Analysis of Mortality** during the year 1925.

(Provisional figures. The rates for England and Wales have been calculated on a population estimated to the middle of 1925, while those for the towns have been calculated on populations estimated to the middle of 1924. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns).

	Birth-rate per 1,000 Total Population.	Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population.									Rate per 1,000 Births.		Percentage of Total Deaths.		
		All Causes.	Enteric Fever.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Violence.	Diarrhœa and Enteritis (under 2 Years.)	Total Deaths under One Year.	Causes of Death certified by Registered Medical Practitioners.	Inquest cases.	Uncertified Causes of Death.
England and Wales	18·3	12·2	0·01	0·00	0·13	0·03	0·15	0·07	0·32	0·47	8.4	75	92·1	6·9	1·0
105 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London ..	18·8	12·2	0·01	0·00	0·17	0·03	0·18	0·09	0·30	0·43	10·8	79	92·1	7·3	0·6
157 Smaller Towns (1921 Adjusted Populations 20,000—50,000) ..	18·3	11·2	0·01	0·00	0·15	0·02	0·14	0·06	0·31	0·38	7·6	74	93·0	5·9	1·1
London	18·0	11.7	0·01	00·0	00·8	0·02	0·19	0·11	0·23	0·46	10·6	67	91·1	8·9	0·0

Banbury Rural District, 1925.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)—50,236.
Population (Census 1921), 11,130; estimated (1925), 11,220.
Number of inhabited houses (1921)—2,929.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)—2,969.
Rateable value—£91,119.
Sum represented by a penny rate—£220 - 7 - 6.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

The principal geological formations are the Lower, Middle and Upper Lias beds, the alluvial valley of the Cherwell forming the boundary on the Eastern side. The region presents several "faults," which run in many directions, Wigginton, South Newington, Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower, Epwell and Tadmarton are all situated on the Great Oolite series. The country is undulating in character, with many hills, several of which are steep, and capped by the Northampton sands or Stonesfield slate series.

The chief occupation is agriculture, there is also an iron ore industry at Bloxham, Hook Norton and Hornton which has increased of recent years although latterly it has shared in the general depression of the iron trade; at Shutford there is an ancient and important plush industry, where old hand looms are worked with machine looms in the same factory. Brewing is carried on at Hook Norton, there is also a boilerette and tin saucepan factory at North Newington.

These various occupations do not appear to have any marked adverse influence on the public health.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate ...	195	99	96.	Birth rate 18.1.
	Illegitimate ...	9	4	5.	
Deaths		169	85	84.	Death rate 15.06.
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth—0.					From sepsis—0 From other causes—0

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1000 registered births—44.1.
Legitimate—9. Illegitimate—0. Total—9.

Deaths from	Measles (all ages)	0.
„ „	Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	1.
„ „	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	3.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Small pox	—	—	—
Scarlet fever	21	—	—
Diphtheria	2	—	—
Enteric fever (including Para-typhoid	1	—	—
Puerperal Fever	1	—	—
Pneumonia	7	—	9
Other diseases generally notifiable:			
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1	—	—
Erysipelas...	4	—	—
Other diseases notifiable locally	—	—	—

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

Cases Notified.	Treated		Vision unimpaired.	Vision impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths
	At home.	In hospital.				
—	—	—	—	—	—	—

BANBURY RURAL DISTRICT, 1925. Notifications of Infectious Diseases according to age groups.

DISEASES.	All ages.	Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65—up
Diphtheria	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Enteric	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2
Pneumonia	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	3	...
Puerperal Fever	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	21	...	...	...	...	1	5	6	2	4	...	3	...
TOTALS	37	...	...	...	1	1	5	9	4	5	3	7	2

Banbury R. D. Prevalence of Infectious Diseases Notified Cases.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Diphtheria	20	13	14	1	2
Enteric Fever	1	1	1	2	1
Scarlet Fever	58	16	8	6	21
Erysipelas	2	4	5	4	4
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	1	—	—	1
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	1	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	1	1	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	13	12	8	11	11
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	1	5	3	1
Acute Primary Pneumonia...	—	2	1	4	7
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	1	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—
Anthrax	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	—	—	—	1	1

Banbury Rural District, 1925. Tuberculosis.

Age-Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...
15	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
25	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	4	1	...	...	6	1	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
55	1	1	...	...	2	..	...	...
65 and upwards.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

DIPHTHERIA (2). The first case occurred at Claydon in the month of April in a girl aet. 11, a positive swab was obtained; the second case was in a girl aet. 11 at South Newington, a swab taken was negative; both were isolated at home. Antitoxin was administered, no extension occurred.

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA (1). This case was notified from Sibford Ferris in the month of May. The patient made a good recovery.

ENTERIC FEVER (1). This case occurred at Horley in May, notified as Paratyphoid B, a positive Widal reaction was obtained, the source of origin was obscure, the patient made a good recovery, no extension took place.

ERYSIPELAS (4). These cases occurred as follows: one at Barford in January, one at Bloxham in March, one at Adderbury in September, one at Epwell in November. All were of the mild sporadic type.

PNEUMONIA (7). These were notified as follows: one at Adderbury, one at Sibford Gower, one at Tadmarton in February; one at Wroxton in March; one at Shenington in June; one at Hook Norton in November; one at Great Bourton in December.

PUERPERAL FEVER (1). This case notified at Twyford, Adderbury, in November, was not connected with any sanitary defect, but was due to accidental retention of secundines.

SCARLET FEVER (21). Four cases occurred in a family at Adderbury, in January, the first case having escaped diagnosis until the others were infected, a case also occurred at Hornton in this month. A further case developed in February in the above-mentioned family at Adderbury.

An imported case was notified at South Newington in May, a motor driver from Walsall was taken ill at an Inn, he was isolated in a bedroom until his removal to the Borough Isolation Hospital.

Three cases occurred at Bloxham and one at North Newington in the month of June, one case was notified at Shenington in July, arrangements were made to remove the child to hospital but the parents declined to allow the child to leave home, two cases were notified at Adderbury in September, three were notified at Shutford in October. One case was notified at Shutford, one at Hornton, one at Wardington in November.

Banbury R. D. School Closures, 1925.

School.	Date.	Disease.	Period
Barford St. Michael ...	Oct. 20th ...	Measles ...	3 weeks
Bloxham	Dec. 9th ...	Whooping Cough	2 weeks
Bodicote	May 18th ...	Mumps	3 weeks
Bourton Great, Infants	July 6th ...	Measles	2 weeks
Bourton, Great ...	Dec. 14th ...	Whooping Cough	3 weeks
Drayton	Sept. 25th ...	Whooping Cough	3 weeks
Drayton	Nov. 2nd ...	Whooping Cough	2 weeks
Epwell	April 29th ...	Chicken Pox ...	3 weeks
Epwell	Nov. 9th ...	Measles	3 weeks
Hanwell	Nov. 20th ...	Whooping Cough	3 weeks
Hook Norton... ...	June 27th ...	Measles	3 weeks
Horley	June 27th ...	Whooping Cough	2 weeks
Hornton	July 24th ...	Whooping Cough	1 week
Hornton	Dec. 17th ...	Whooping Cough	3 weeks
Mollington	Mar. 10th ...	Mumps	3 weeks
North Newington ...	Oct. 2nd ...	Measles	3 weeks
Shutford	Nov. 2nd ...	Measles	3 weeks
Sibford Gower ...	Nov. 16th ...	Measles	3 weeks
Swalcliffe	Nov. 30th ...	Measles	3 weeks
Tadmarton	June 19th ...	Mumps	2 weeks

Water Supplies.

The scheme to supply Wiggington with water was completed, and turned on for public use on August 19th. The supply is excellent and is much appreciated by the inhabitants, in addition to the six anti-freezing standpipes situated in the village streets, eleven houses have had a private service laid on.

At Claydon and Hook Norton new pumps have been fixed over public wells.

The Minister of Health has approved the raising of a loan for work in connection with the installation of an auxiliary Petrol engine at Shenington Waterworks.

Sewers and Sewage Disposal.

Two sites were purchased for sewage disposal works at Great and Little Bourton after arbitration conducted by Sir Anker Simmonds on February 4th.

The Minister of Health has sanctioned raising a loan of £1750 for the sewerage and sewage disposal works at Great and Little Bourton, since when the works have been put in hand.

At Bloxham 60 lineal yards of new 6 inch sewer were laid, replacing a defective rubble and stone one.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS & REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

Building Byelaws. "Regulations for connections with sewers made by the Council, acting as Local Authority for the District under the provisions of Section 21 of the Public Health Act, 1875." Dated 28th May, 1908.

"Regulations made under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, 1885, with respect to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops." Dated 1st Jan., 1907.

Public Health Staff. The Clerk, The Medical Officer of Health, and The Sanitary Inspector.

Sanitary Inspection of the District. The appended Summary of the Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor, together with the Housing Report, sets forth, in tabular form, the work done during the year.

Rural District of Banbury. Summary of Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1925.

	Number
Total number of Inspections made	812
Total number of Informal Notices served	182
Total number of Statutory Notices served	1
I.—NUISANCE. (P.H.A. 1875, S. 91).	
1. Complaints received	10
2. Nuisances detected with or without complaint	141
3. Nuisances abated	139
4. Statutory Notices served	1
5. Summonses taken out	—
6. Convictions	—
***II.—HOUSES, &c.**	
7. Total number of houses inpected	397
8. Total number of defective houses remedied	87
9. Cases of overcrowding detected	—
10. Cases of overcrowding abated	—
11. New houses erected	12
12. Dirty houses cleansed	6
13. Visits to infected houses	49
14. Houses disinfected	28
III.—DRAINS AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES.	
15. Defects found	53
16. Defects remedied	48
17. New closets constructed—E.C's. 21; W.C's. 45 Total	66
18. Closets converted to more approved type	27
IV.—WATER SUPPLY.	
19. Certificates granted (P.H. Water Act, 1878, S. 6)	—
20. Public water supply laid on to houses	47
21. Wells cleansed and pollution prevented	8
22. Samples taken for Analysis	11
V.—FOOD.	
23. Seizures of unsound meat	—
24. Seizures of other foods	—
VI.—SLAUGHTER HOUSES.	
25. Number in District	17
26. Number of inspections	136
27. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness	5
28. Number cleansed, limewashed, etc.	5
VII.—DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.	
29. Number of Dairymen on Register	97
30. Number of inspections made	156
31. Number of Notices served	11
32. Number of Notices complied with	11
VIII.—BAKEHOUSES.	
33. Number	20
34. Number of inspections made	42
35. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness	3
36. Number of Notices served	3
37. Number complied with	3
IX.—POLLUTION OF STREAMS, &c.	
38. Number of Notices	—
39. Number complied with	—
40. Complaints from the Thames Conservancy	—

* *For Summary of Housing Conditions and statistics of action taken under Housing, etc., Acts, vide Appendices.*

Name of Inspector—E. ERNEST OAKES.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year—
(*a*) Total 12
(*b*) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ... —

I.—UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspection: (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 397

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 47

(3) Number or dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 2

(4) Number of dwelling-honses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... —

II.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 38

III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—
(*a*) by owners —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders become operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close 1

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—
(*a*) by owners 1
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

C. Proceedings under Sections 17 & 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 1

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit —

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made —

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —

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1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
Factories - - - - - (Including Factory Laundries)	7	—	—
Workshops - - - - - (Including Workshop Laundries)	47	—	—
Workplaces - - - - - (Other than Outworkers' premises)	11	—	—
Total - -	65	—	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H. M. Inspector (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—				
Want of cleanliness - -	8	8	—	—
TOTAL - -	8	8	—	—

EDWIN MORTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

27th July, 1926.

Rural District of Banbury.

Causes of Death in 50.08.

Causes of Death (Civilians only).		Male.	Female
All Causes		85	84
1.	Enteric Fever	—	—
2.	Small-pox	—	—
3.	Measles	—	—
4.	Scarlet fever	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	1	—
6.	Diphtheria	—	—
7.	Influenza	—	4
8.	Encephalitis lethargica	—	—
9.	Meningococcal meningitis	—	—
10.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system... ...	9	2
11.	Other tuberculous diseases	2	1
12.	Cancer, malignant disease...	13	8
13.	Rheumatic fever	—	—
14.	Diabetes	—	—
15.	Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	9	11
16.	Heart disease	8	8
17.	Arterio-sclerosis	—	1
18.	Bronchitis	6	15
19.	Pneumonia (all forms)	4	5
20.	Other respiratory diseases	1	1
21.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	—
22.	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	2	1
23.	Appendicitis and typhlitis	—	—
24.	Cirrhosis of liver	—	—
25.	Acute and chronic nephritis	—	2
26.	Puerperal sepsis	—	—
27.	Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	—	—
28.	Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	1	3
29.	Suicide	1	—
30.	Other deaths from violence	3	1
31.	Other defined diseases	24	21
32.	Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	—
Special Causes (included above)			
	Poliomyelitis	—	—
	Polioencephalitis	—	—
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	Total	5	4
	Illegitimate	—	—
Total Births		103	101
	Legitimate	99	96
	Illegitimate	4	5

Population ... 11,220.

Chipping Norton Borough, 1925.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)—2456.

Population (Census 1921), 3,541 ; estimated (1925), 3,559.

Number of inhabited houses (1921)—871.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)—877.

Rateable value—£4,537.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £17 - 0 - 0.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

The Borough is pleasantly situated on a hill side, the main street running in a North and South direction, and commands some very fine views of the surrounding country.

Passing from East to West the geological formations consist of the Great and Inferior Oolite and Lias beds.

The town is an important centre for the surrounding agricultural districts, a market being held weekly and a cattle fair once a month. There is an important tweed mill, a tannery, a brewery, and agricultural engineering works ; a considerable amount of home-work is done, in gloving and gaiter-making.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate ...	49	31	18.	Birth rate 15.1.
	Illegitimate ...	5	2	3.	
Deaths		52	22	30.	Death rate 14.6.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth—0. From sepsis—0. From other causes—0.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1000 registered births—.37.

Legitimate—2. Illegitimate—0. Total—2.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) 0.

„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) 0.

„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ... 0.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Small pox	0	—	—
Scarlet fever	1	—	—
Diphtheria	0	—	—
Enteric fever (including Para-typhoid	1	—	—
Puerperal Fever	0	—	—
Pneumonia	1	—	—
Other diseases generally notifiable:			
Erysipelas...	2	—	—
Other diseases notifiable locally	—	—	—

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

Cases Notified.	Treated		Vision unimpaired.	Vision impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths
	At home.	In hospital.				
—	—	—	—	—	—	—

BOROUGH OF CHIPPING NORTON. Notification of Infectious Diseases according to age groups.

DISEASES.	All ages	Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65—up
Enteric	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	2	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Pneumonia	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	—

Chipping Norton Borough.

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases. Notified Cases

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Diphtheria	1	...	1	1	...
Enteric Fever	3	2	3	...	1
Erysipelas	4	5	1	1	2
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	2	3	1	1	...
Pneumonia	10	4	...	2	1
Puerperal Fever	1	...	1	...	...
Scarlet Fever	...	1	...	2	1
Malaria	...	...	1	...	...
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary ...	6	4	2	4	0
Other forms...	1	...	1	4	1

Chipping Norton Borough, 1925. Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Chipping Norton Borough School Closures, 1925.

C. of E. Boys	...	Feb. 3rd	...	Mumps & Impetigo 2 weeks
C. of E. Boys	...	Feb. 3rd	...	Mumps & Impetigo 2 weeks
Council ...	...	Feb. 5th	...	Mumps & Impetigo 2 weeks

ENTERIC FEVER (1). This case was notified in July, a boy aet. 12, at Burford Road, the source of the disease was not obvious, a good recovery resulted, no extension occurred.

ERYSIPELAS (2). One case was notified in January at Church Street; one in February at Albion Street.

PNEUMONIA (1). This case was notified in Albion Street in May.

SCARLET FEVER (1). This case was notified in August at The Finsbury, in a child aet. 10, she was treated at home, no extension occurred.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Public water supply was laid on to 14 houses during the year. The Council acquired the whole of the Chalford Water Works including the collecting ground, which is a very valuable asset; formerly this was held in lease.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Four new w.c's. were constructed, and six closets converted to more approved type during the year.

ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

P.H.A. Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1885.

A.A. Water Supply Rules and Regulations.

1890. Byelaws as to New Streets, Buildings and Drainage, Slaughter Houses and Nuisances, Keeping of Pigs.

Byelaws, made and adopted by the Town Council, had the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses affixed on the Fourteenth day of August, 1925: These were subsequently allowed by the Minister of Health on the Sixteenth day of November, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF. The Clerk, The Medical Officer of Health, and The Borough Surveyor.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT. The following Summary supplied by the Borough Surveyor, together with the Housing Report, sets forth, in tabular form, the work done during the year.

Borough of Chipping Norton. Summary of Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Year ending Dec. 31st, 1925.

	Number
Total number of Inspections made	134
Total number of Informal Notices served	30
Total number of Statutory Notices served	7
I.—NUISANCE. (P.H.A. 1875, S. 91).	
1. Complaints received	20
2. Nuisances detected with or without complaint	36
3. Nuisances abated	54
4. Statutory Notices served	7
5. Summonses taken out	—
6. Convictions	—
***II.—HOUSES, &c.**	
7. Total number of houses inspected	17
8. Total number of defective houses remedied	2
9. Cases of overcrowding detected	3
10. Cases of overcrowding abated	—
11. New houses erected	1
12. Dirty houses cleansed	5
13. Visits to infected houses	7
14. Houses disinfected	4
III.—DRAINS AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES.	
15. Defects found	28
16. Defects remedied	28
17. New Closets constructed—E.C's. W.C's. 4. Total	4
18. Closets converted to more approved type	6
IV.—WATER SUPPLY.	
19. Certificates granted (P.H. Water Act, 1878, S. 6)	—
20. Public Water supply laid on to houses	14
21. Wells cleansed and pollution prevented	—
22. Samples taken for Analysis	—
V.—FOOD.	
23. Seizures of unsound meat	—
24. Seizures of other foods	—
VI.—SLAUGHTER HOUSES.	
25. Number in district	5
26. Number of inspections	128
27. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness	—
28. Number cleansed, limewashed, etc. (four times per year, or when necessary)	20
VII.—DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.	
29. Number of Dairymen on Register	9
30. Number of inspections made	36
31. Number of Notices served	—
32. Number of Notices complied with	—
VIII.—BAKEHOUSES.	
33. Number	4
34. Number of inspections made	8
35. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness	—
36. Number of Notices served	—
37. Number complied with	—
IX.—POLLUTION OF STREAMS, &c.	
38. Number of Notices	—
39. Number complied with	—
40. Complaints from the Thames Conservancy	—

* *For Summary of Housing Conditions and Statistics of action taken under Housing, etc., Acts, vide Appendices.*

Name of Inspector—R. STANTON.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year—
(*a*) Total 1
(*b*) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ... —

I.—UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspection: (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 17

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 —

(3) Number or dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation —

(4) Number of dwelling-honses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation . . —

II.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 7

III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—
(*a*) by owners —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders become operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close —

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—
(*a*) by owners —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

C. Proceedings under Sections 17 & 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit —

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made —

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925, for the Borough of Chipping Norton.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
Factories - - - - - (Including Factory Laundries)	1	—	—
Workshops - - - - - (Including Workshop Laundries)	3	—	—
Workplaces - - - - - (Other than Outworkers' premises)	—	—	—
Total - -	4	—	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H. M. Inspector (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—				
Sanitary accommodation :				
Unsuitable or defective -	1	1	—	—
Total - -	1	1	—	—

EDWIN MORTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

27th July, 1926.

Borough of Chipping Norton.

Causes of Death in 50.07.

	Causes of Death (Civilians only).	Male.	Female
	All Causes	22	30
1.	Enteric Fever	—	—
2.	Small-pox	—	—
3.	Measles	—	—
4.	Scarlet fever	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	—	—
6.	Diphtheria	—	—
7.	Influenza	1	1
8.	Encephalitis lethargica	—	—
9.	Meningococcal meningitis	—	—
10.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system... ...	—	1
11.	Other tuberculous diseases	—	—
12.	Cancer, malignant disease...	5	3
13.	Rheumatic fever	—	—
14.	Diabetes	—	1
15.	Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	5	4
16.	Heart disease	1	4
17.	Arterio-sclerosis	1	2
18.	Bronchitis	1	1
19.	Pneumonia (all forms)	—	3
20.	Other respiratory diseases	1	1
21.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
22.	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	—	—
23.	Appendicitis and typhlitis	—	—
24.	Cirrhosis of liver	—	1
25.	Acute and chronic nephritis	—	1
26.	Puerperal sepsis	—	—
27.	Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	—	—
28.	Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	1	—
29.	Suicide	—	—
30.	Other deaths from violence	—	—
31.	Other defined diseases	6	7
32.	Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	—
	Special Causes (included above)		
	Poliomyelitis	—	—
	Polioencephalitis	—	—
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Total	1	1
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Illegitimate	—	—
	Total Births	33	21
	Legitimate	31	18
	Illegitimate	2	3

Population ... 3,559.

Chipping Norton Rural District, 1925.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)—63,383.
Population (Census 1921), 10,300; estimated 1925, 10,250.
Number of inhabited houses (1921)—2,580.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)—2,590.
Rateable value—£86,565.
Sum represented by a penny rate—£248 - 0 - 0.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

The district is open and undulating, being hilly in places, and is well wooded in the neighbourhoods of Chastleton, Heythrop, Great Tew, and the Wychwood Forest.

The principal geological formations are the Lias, Inferior and Great Oolite series, many villages being situated at the outcrop of two formations, presumably on account of the springs issuing therefrom. Leafield is situated on an outlier of Oxford clay surrounded by Cornbrash and on this account presents a difficulty with reference to the water supply, which is it hoped will shortly be overcome. To the east of Swerford a "fault" branches, the northern arm of which runs in a westerly direction to a point mid-way between Great and Little Rollright, while the southern arm runs roughly parallel to it, and then bends in a southerly direction through Salford as far as Daylesford, from this two subsidiary faults run almost parallel through Cornwell.

The chief industry is agriculture, there is also gloving in Charlbury and district, saw mills at Milton-under-Wychwood, flour mills at Shipton-under-Wychwood, none of which appear to exercise any marked influence on the public health.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate ...	144	71	73.	Birth rate 18.3.
	Illegitimate ...	13	7	6.	
Deaths		128	68	60.	Death rate 12.2.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth—0. From sepsis—0 From other causes—0

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1000 registered births—70.06

Legitimate—10. Illegitimate—1. Total—11.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0.
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	2.
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	0.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Small pox	—	—	—
Scarlet fever	2	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Enteric fever (including Para-typhoid	1	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—
Pneumonia	2	—	—
Other diseases generally notifiable :			
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1	*	—
Erysipelas...	1	—	—
Other diseases notifiable locally	—	—	—

* Notified from Littlemore Asylum.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

Cases Notified.	Treated		Vision unimpaired.	Vision impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths
	At home.	In hospital.				
—	—	—	—	—	—	—

CHIPPING NORTON RURAL DISTRICT. Notifications of Infectious Diseases according to age groups.

DISEASES.	All ages.	Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65–up
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Enteric	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Pneumonia	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Scarlet Fever	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Total ...	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	2	1

CHIPPING NORTON R. D.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notified Cases.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	...	...	...	1	...
Diphtheria	5	1	1	3	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	...	...	...	2	1
Enteric Fever	1	...	4	...	1
Erysipelas	3	6	3	9	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	1	...	1	...
Pneumonia	7	8	3	11	2
Puerperal Fever	...	1	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	19	17	4	1	2

Chipping Norton Rural District, 1925.

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
25	2	..	...	1	...	...	...	...
35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
65 and upwards.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Chipping Norton R.D. School Closures, 1925.

School.	Date.	Disease.	Period.
Charlbury Infants ...	July 22nd ...	Chicken Pox ...	2 weeks
Chilson	May 7th ...	Chicken Pox ...	2 weeks
Finstock	Mar. 20th ...	Whooping Cough..	3 weeks
Lyneham	Oct. 26th ..	Measles	3 weeks

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA (1). This case was notified from Littlemore Asylum in an inmate belonging to your district.

ERYSIPELAS (1). This was a case of facial Erysipelas notified at Leafield in the month of August and was of the sporadic type, a good recovery ensued.

PNEUMONIA (2). Both cases were notified in January, one at Foxcote, the other at Little Tew.

SCARLET FEVER (2). These cases were notified from the same house at Shipton-under-Wychwood in the month of April, they were efficiently isolated at home, no extension of the disease occurred.

ENTERIC FEVER (1). This case occurred at Fawler in the month of August, a well in the farmyard was found to be polluted, this has since been closed, and an excellent supply substituted. The patient made a good recovery.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Ministry of Health held Public Inquiries with reference to Water supply schemes at Leafield and Over Norton, official sanction was granted to the former, but withheld from the latter pending negotiations for the purchase of the springs.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Ministry of Health approved of the scheme submitted for the sewerage of Shipton-under-Wychwood, the work was carried out during the year and is working satisfactorily. A scheme was submitted by the Surveyor to the Council for the sewerage of Milton-under-Wychwood, following upon a complaint from the Thames Conservancy, but was postponed owing to the excessive cost.

COWSHEDS.

Advertisements under the Milk and Dairies Act 1922 appeared in the Press in the month of May, the position remains the same as in 1924.

ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, 1885.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF. The Clerk, The Medical Officer of Health, and The Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT. The following Summary of the Sanitary Inspector, together with the Housing Report, sets forth, in tabular form, the work done during the year.

Rural District of Chipping Norton. Summary of Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925.

		Number
Total number of Inspections made		911
Total number of Informal Notices served		202
Total number of Statutory Notices served		3
I.—NUISANCE. (P.H.A. 1875, S. 91).		
1. Complaints received		5
2. Nuisances detected with or without complaint		104
3. Nuisances abated		57
4. Statutory Notices served		2
5. Summonses taken out		—
6. Convictions		—
***II.—HOUSES, &c.**		
7. Total number of houses inpected		187
8. Total number of defective houses remedied		91
9. Cases of overcrowding detected		1
10. Cases of overcrowding abated		—
11. New houses erected		3
12. Dirty houses cleansed		2
13. Visits to infected houses		252
14. Houses disinfected		7
III.—DRAINS AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES.		
15. Defects found		31
16. Defects remedied		25
17. New closets constructed—E.C's. 7; W.C's. 3	Total	10
18. Closets converted to more approved type		21
IV.—WATER SUPPLY.		
19. Certificates granted (P.H. Water Act, 1878, S. 6)		3
20. Public water supply laid on to houses		4
21. Wells cleansed and pollution prevented		1
22. Samples taken for Analysis	Chemical	10
	Bacteriological	2
V.—FOOD.		
23. Seizures of unsound meat		—
24. Seizures of other foods		—
VI.—SLAUGHTER HOUSES.		
25. Number in District		10
26. Number of inspections		40
27. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness		3
28. Number cleansed, limewashed, etc.		20
VII.—DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.		
29. Number of Dairymen on Register		45
30. Number of inspections made		90
31. Number of Notices served		17
32. Number of Notices complied with		8
VIII.—BAKEHOUSES.		
33. Number		10
34. Number of inspections made		16
35. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness		2
36. Number of Notices served		2
37. Number complied with		2
IX.—POLLUTION OF STREAMS, &c.		
38. Number of Notices		1
39. Number complied with		—
40. Complaints from the Thames Conservancy		1

* *For Summary of Housing Conditions and statistics of action taken under Housing, etc., Acts, vide Appendices.*

Name of Inspector—A. T. GREEN.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year—
(*a*) Total 3
(*b*) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ... —

I.—UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspection : (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts ... 187

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 80

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious as to be uufit for human habitation 3

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... 50

II.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers —

III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—
(*a*) by owners 1
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close —

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—
(*a*) by owners —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

C. Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders 3

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 3

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit —

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made —

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925, for the Rural District of Chipping Norton.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Prosecutions (4)
Factories - - - - - (Including Factory Laundries)	7	—	—
Workshops - - - - (Including Workshop Laundries)	26	2	—
Workplaces - - - - (Other than Outworkers' premises)			
Total - -	33	2	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H. M. Inspector (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—				
Want of cleanliness - -	2	2	—	—
TOTAL - - -	2	2	—	—

EDWIN MORTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

7th August, 1926.

Rural District of Chipping Norton.

Causes of Death in 50.18.

	Causes of Death.	Male.	Female
	All Causes	68	60
1.	Enteric Fever	—	—
2.	Small pox	—	—
3.	Measles	—	—
4.	Scarlet fever	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	2	—
6.	Diphtheria	—	—
7.	Influenza	2	1
8.	Encephalitis lethargica	—	—
9.	Meningococcal meningitis	—	—
10.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	3	1
11.	Other tuberculous diseases	—	1
12.	Cancer, malignant disease	12	13
13.	Rheumatic fever	—	—
14.	Diabetes	1	1
15.	Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	5	5
16.	Heart disease	7	9
17.	Arterio-sclerosis	8	6
18.	Bronchitis	2	1
19.	Pneumonia (all forms)	—	3
20.	Other respiratory diseases	3	1
21.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	—
22.	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	—	—
23.	Appendicitis and typhlitis	2	1
24.	Cirrhosis of liver	—	—
25.	Acute and chronic nephritis	1	—
26.	Puerperal sepsis	—	—
27.	Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	—	—
28.	Congenital debility and malformation premature birth	5	1
29.	Suicide	—	—
30.	Other deaths from violence	—	1
31.	Other defined diseases	14	13
32.	Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	2
	Special Causes (included above)		
	Poliomyelitis	—	—
	Polioencephalitis	—	—
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Total	10	1
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Illegitimate	—	1
	Total Births	78	79
	Legitimate	71	73
	Illegitimate	7	6

Population ... 10,250.

Witney Urban District, 1925.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)—378.
Population (Census 1921, 3368); estimated 1925, 3449.
Number of inhabited houses (1921)—821.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)—828.
Rateable value, £17,083. Sum represented by a penny rate, £71 - 3 - 7

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

The central and lower parts of the district are situated on the alluvium of the Windrush and the Great Oolite and higher portions, *e.g.*, Church Green and Wood Green being on the Cornbrash.

The staple industry is blanket making; the factories are all well conducted, the conditions under which the people work are good.

An important agricultural market is held fortnightly, the general conditions may be described as prosperous.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate ...	54	25	29.	Birth rate 15.6.
	Illegitimate ...	—	—	—.	
Deaths		46	18	28.	Death rate 13.3.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth—0. From sepsis—0. From other causes—0.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1000 registered births—92.5

Legitimate—5. Illegitimate—0. Total—5.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) 0.
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) 0.
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ... 0.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Small Pox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	2	1	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—
Other diseases generally notifiable	—	—	—
Other diseases notifiable locally : Anthrax	1	—	—

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

Cases notified.	Treated At home.	Treated In hospital.	Vision unimpaired.	Vision impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths
—	—	—	—	—	—	—

WITNEY URBAN DISTRICT, 1925. Notifications of Infectious Diseases according age groups.

DISEASES.	All ages.	under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65—up
Anthrax	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Scarlet Fever	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...

WITNEY URBAN DISTRICT, 1925.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notified Cases.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Anthrax	...	...	...	...	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	...	...	...	1	...
Diphtheria	3	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	1	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia	...	...	...	1	...
Scarlet Fever	8	4	2	4	2

WITNEY URBAN DISTRICT, 1925.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age-Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	...	2*	...	. .	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
35	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..

* One case also had Tuberculosis of the bowels.

ANTHRAX (1). Patient, a horse slaughterer, was notified from the Radcliffe Infirmary in May, the pustule was excised from the forearm, Sclavo's serum injected, and the bacillus Anthracis was found; all clothing and bedding likely to have become infected was destroyed.

SCARLET FEVER (2). The first case was notified in November, a boy aet. 6, he was removed to the isolation hospital at Abingdon, where owing to complications supervening, he was kept until the end of March.

The second case occurred at "The Springs," a boy aet. 12, he was isolated at home, no extension occurred in either family.

WITNEY URBAN DISTRICT SCHOOL CLOSURES, 1925.

School.	Date.	Disease.	Period.
C. of E. Infants ...	May 19th ...	Whooping Cough ...	3 weeks
West End ...	... May 22nd ...	Whooping Cough ...	3 weeks

WATER SUPPLY.

The Public Supply was laid on to three houses during the year.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

One new earth closet, and four W. C's. were constructed during the period under review.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS & REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT ACT, 1890, Part 3.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS ACT, 1892.

PUBLIC ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1907, as under:

Part 2.
Part 3. Sections 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 and 68 comprised in Part 4.
Part 5.
Part 6 and Section 92 comprised in Part 10.

COMPULSORY NOTIFICATION OF ANTHRAX.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF. The Clerk, The Medical Officer of Health, and The Surveyor, who is also the Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT. The following Summary supplied by the Surveyor, together with the Housing Report, sets forth in tabular form the work done during the year.

Urban District of Witney. Summary of Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Year ending Dec. 31st, 1925.

	Number
Total number of Inspections made	172
Total number of Informal Notices served	56
Total number of Statutory Notices served	—
I.—NUISANCE. (P.H.A. 1875, S. 91).	
1. Complaints received	42
2. Nuisances detected with or without complaint	63
3. Nuisances abated	63
4. Statutory Notices served	—
5. Summonses taken out	—
6. Convictions	—
***II.—HOUSES, &c.**	
7. Total number of houses inspected	183
8. Total number of defective houses remedied	34
9. Cases of overcrowding detected	—
10. Cases of overcrowding abated	—
11. New houses erected	—
12. Dirty houses cleansed	17
13. Visits to infected houses	13
14. Houses disinfected	13
III.—DRAINS AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES.	
15. Defects found	33
16. Defects remedied	33
17. New Closets constructed—E.C's. 1. W.C's. 4. Total...	5
18. Closets converted to more approved type	—
IV.—WATER SUPPLY.	
19. Certificates granted (P.H. Water Act, 1878, S. 6) ...	—
20. Public Water supply laid on to houses	3
21. Wells cleansed and pollution prevented	—
22. Samples taken for Analysis	—
V.—FOOD.	
23. Seizures of unsound meat	8
24. Seizures of other foods	—
VI.—SLAUGHTER HOUSES.	
25. Number in district	4
26. Number of inspections	48
27. Number found defective or lacking in cleanlines ...	3
28. Number cleansed, limewashed, etc.	7
VII.—DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.	
29. Number of Dairymen on Register	—
30. Number of inspections made	—
31. Number of Notices served	—
32. Number of Notices complied with	—
VIII.—BAKEHOUSES.	
33. Number	10
34. Number of inspections made	42
35. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness ...	—
36. Number of Notices served	—
37. Number complied with	—
IX.—POLLUTION OF STREAMS, &c.	
38. Number of Notices	—
39. Number complied with	—
40. Complaints from the Thames Conservancy	1

* *For Summary of Housing Conditions and Statistics of action taken under Housing, etc., Acts, vide Appendices.*

Name of Inspector—W. GEO. EATON.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year—
(*a*) Total —
(*b*) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ... —

I.—UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspection : (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts ... —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious as to be unfit for human habitation —

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... —

II.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers —

III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—
(*a*) by owners — —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... — —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close —

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—
(*a*) by owners — —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... — —

C. Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit —

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made —

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —

No special work under Housing Acts done during the year—ordinary work only. W.G.E.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925, for the Urban District of Witney.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspection (2)	Written Notices (3)	Prosecutions (4)
Factories (Including Factory Laundries)	17	—	—
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)	28	3	—
Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' premises)	33	5	—
Total	78	8	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H. M. Inspector (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—				
Want of cleanliness	5	5	—	—
Overcrowding	2	2	—	—
Other nuisances	7	7	—	—
Total	14	14	—	—

EDWIN MORTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

30th July, 1925.

Witney Urban District.

Causes of Death in 50.17.

Causes of Death (Civilians only).	Male.	Female
All Causes	18	28
1. Enteric fever	—	—
2. Small-pox	—	—
3. Measles	—	—
4. Scarlet Fever	—	—
5. Whooping cough	—	—
6. Diphtheria	—	—
7. Influenza	—	—
8. Encephalitis lethargica	—	—
9. Meningococcal meningitis	—	—
10. Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	1	—
11. Other tuberculous diseases	1	—
12. Cancer, malignant disease	3	3
13. Rheumatic fever	—	—
14. Diabetes	—	—
15. Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	3	1
16. Heart disease	1	12
17. Arterio-sclerosis	—	1
18. Bronchitis	—	1
19. Pneumonia (all forms)	1	—
20. Other respiratory diseases	—	—
21. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
22. Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	—	—
23. Appendicitis and typhlitis	—	—
24. Cirrhosis of liver	—	—
25. Acute and chronic nephritis	—	—
26. Puerperal sepsis	—	—
27. Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	—	—
28. Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	3	2
29. Suicide	—	—
30. Other deaths from violence	1	—
31. Other defined diseases	4	8
32. Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	—
Special Causes (included above)		
Poliomyelitis	—	—
Polioencephalitis	—	—
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Total	3	2
Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Illegitimate	—	—
Total Births	25	29
Legitimate	25	29
Illegitimate	—	—

Population ... 3,449.

Witney Rural District, 1925.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)—82,805.

Population (Census 1921, 16,080); estimated 1925, 16,010.

Number of inhabited houses (1921)—4,134.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)—4,158.

Rateable value—£102,416.

Sum represented by a penny rate—£426 - 14 - 8.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

The district is bounded on the South by the alluvial valley of the Isis, on the East by the Evenlode, on the North by an irregular line running from the Evenlode at Handborough, through Wilcote, Ramsden, Fordwells and Taynton, which separates it from Chipping Norton Rural District, and on the West by the Gloucestershire border. The main geological formations are as follows, in the South Oxford clay, in the middle Cornbrash, in the North Great Oolite. At Swinbrook the Inferior Oolite obtains, and at Burford and Taynton there is, in addition, the Upper Lias Clay, the latter being much "faulted."

The chief occupation is agriculture, there is a brewery at Eynsham, engineering works at Clanfield, and a steam laundry at Aston. Gloving is done as homework.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate ...	270	154	116.	Birth rate 17.3.
	Illegitimate ...	7	2	5.	
Deaths		195	87	108.	Death rate 12.1.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth—1. From sepsis—1 From other causes—0

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1000 registered births—28.8.

Legitimate—7. Illegitimate—1. Total—8.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) 0.

„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) ... 3.

„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ... 0.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Small Pox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	8	5	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	1	1	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	2	0	3
Other diseases generally notifiable :			
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1*	0	1
Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	1	0	0
Erysipelas	3	0	0
Other diseases notifiable locally	0	0	0

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

Cases Notified.	Treated		Vision unimpaired.	Vision impaired.	Total Blindness	Deaths
	At Home	In Hospital.				
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Notified from Littlemore Asylum, and died there from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

WITNEY RURAL DISTRICT, 1925. Notifications of Infectious Diseases according to age groups.

DISEASES.	All ages.	Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65—up
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Enteric	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
Pneumonia	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	8	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	...	1	...	...	...
TOTALS	16	—	—	—	—	1	3	5	—	3	1	1	2

WITNEY RURAL DISTRICT.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notified Cases.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Anthrax	—	—	—	1	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	1
Diphtheria	2	26	17	3	—
Dysentery	2	1	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	3	—	—	4	1
Enteric Fever	2	1	2	—	1
Erysipelas	5	5	1	3	3
Malaria	1	—	2	1	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	1	1	1	—
Pneumonia	2	15	7	19	2
Polioencephalitis	—	—	—	1	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	1	—	—
Scarlet Fever	63	40	34	22	8

WITNEY RURAL DISTRICT, 1925.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age-Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
20	1	5	—	—	—	1	—	—
25	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	1
35	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
45	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA (1). This case was notified from Littlemore Asylum, in an inmate belonging to your district, and died in that Institution from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

EPIDEMIC CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS (1). This was notified from Southleigh, a boy aet. 10, in the month of May, he was taken to the Radcliffe Infirmary in a public conveyance, the Meningococcus was found; unfortunately the mother insisted on bringing the child home and the patient was brought home in the same vehicle, this was disinfected, and the circumstances were reported to the Council, when the matter was considered, and the City Authorities communicated with.

ENTERIC FEVER (1). This was notified from the Cottage Hospital, Burford, as occurring in a boy aet. 14, from Chipping Norton, who was staying with an aunt at Burford. Investigations at the hospital and at Chipping Norton failed to discover the obvious cause; a good recovery ensued, no extension occurred.

ERYSIPELAS (3). The first case was notified from Hailey in January, the second from Eynsham in May, the third from Clanfield in August.

PNEUMONIA (2). The first case was notified from Eynsham in February, the second at Burford in November.

SCARLET FEVER (8). The first case occurred at Upton and Signett in February, in a maid who had been visiting a village in an adjoining county, where the disease was rife, she was removed to the isolation hospital at Abingdon, no extension occurred. A case was notified from Eynsham in September in a boy aet. 14, and removed to hospital,—a cousin on a visit from Southampton was found to be peeling on the soles of the feet. In October a boy aet. 4 was notified from Eynsham Hall Park, and was isolated at home, and a further case at the house in Eynsham where the case was notified in September also removed to Abingdon: Two cases at Northleigh, one case being isolated at home, the other being removed to Abingdon Isolation Hospital. In November a case was notified at Freeland in a boy aet. 5, he was removed to Abingdon: The last case was notified in December from Kencott in a boy aet. 14, he was isolated at home.

WITNEY R. D. SCHOOL CLOSURES, 1925.

School.	Date.	Disease.	Period.
Brize Norton	Dec. 14th	Whooping Cough	3 weeks
Broadwell	Jan. 12th	Chicken Pox	2 weeks
Clanfield	Feb. 5th	Whooping Cough	2 weeks
Clanfield	Mar. 23rd	Whooping Cough	3 weeks
Clanfield	June 15th	Measles	2 weeks
Filkins	Oct. 7th	Measles and Whooping Cough	3 weeks
Holwell	June 8th	Measles	1 week
Langford	Jan. 29th	Chicken Pox	2 weeks
Langford	July 13th	Measles	3 weeks
Standlake	Nov. 19th	Mumps	3 weeks

WATER SUPPLIES. At Eynsham the water main has been extended. At Bampton an inspection of the well at the waterworks was carried out by the Council's engineer, with a view to increasing the supply.

SEWERS AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL. A good deal of reconstruction has been carried out during the year, and the Council's undertakings maintained. A new filter has been constructed at Aston, part of Cogges sewer has been relaid, septic tanks at Eynsham and Burford have been cleaned out, at Langford the filter has been completely cleansed and new gravel provided.

COWSHEDS. New concrete floors and improvements in drainage have been made in thirty instances in the following parishes: Aston, Bampton, Burford, Ducklington, Eynsham, Hailey, Holwell, Northleigh, Northmoor, Ramsden, Standlake.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS & REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

BUILDING BYELAWS.

COWSHEDS, DAIRIES AND MILKSHOPS REGULATIONS.
Compulsory Notification of Anthrax.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF. The Clerk, The Medical Officer of Health, The Sanitary Inspector & Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT. The appended Summary of the Sanitary Inspector, together with the Housing Report, sets forth in tabular form the work done during the year.

Rural District of Witney. Summary of Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1925.

	Number
Total number of Inspections made	2754
Total number of Informal Notices served	425
Total number of Statutory Notices served	18
I.—NUISANCE. (P.H.A. 1875, S. 91).	
1. Complaints received	36
2. Nuisances detected with or without complaint	228
3. Nuisances abated	219
4. Statutory notices served	2
5. Summonses taken out	—
6. Convictions	—
***II.—HOUSES, &c.**	
7. Total number of houses inspected	570
8. Total number of defective houses remedied	230
9. Cases of overcrowding detected	1
10. Cases of overcrowding abated	1
11. New houses erected	25
12. Dirty houses cleansed	130
13. Visits to infected houses	350
14. Houses disinfected	15
III.—DRAINS AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES.	
15. Defects found	160
16. Defects remedied	149
17. New closets constructed—E.C's. 18. W.C's. 28. Total ...	46
18. Closets converted to more approved type	30
IV.—WATER SUPPLY.	
19. Certificates granted (P.H. Water Act, 1878, S. 6) ...	24
20. Public Water supply laid on to houses	22
21. Wells cleansed and pollution prevented	27
22. Samples taken for Analysis	30
V.—FOOD.	
23. Seizures of unsound meat	2
24. Seizures of other foods	—
VI.—SLAUGHTER HOUSES.	
25. Number in District	14
26. Number of Inspections	72
27. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness ...	4
28. Number cleansed, limewashed, etc.	28
VII.—DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.	
29. Number of Dairymen on Register	140
30. Number of inspections made	238
31. Number of Notices served	280
32. Number of Notices complied with	268
VIII.—BAKEHOUSES.	
33. Number	33
34. Number of Inspections made	66
35. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness ...	10
36. Number of Notices served	42
37. Number complied with	42
XI.—POLLUTION OF STREAMS, &c.	
38. Number of Notices	—
39. Number complied with	—
40. Complaints from the Thames Conservancy	1

* *For Summary of Housing Conditions and statistics of action taken under Housing, etc., Acts, vide Appendices.*

Name of Inspector—A. J. BASFORD.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year—
(*a*) Total 25
(*b*) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ... —

I.—UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspection : (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 570

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 350

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 4

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 158

II.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 220

III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—
(*a*) by owners —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close —

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—
(*a*) by owners —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

C. Proceedings under Sections 17 & 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a few to the making of Closing Orders 4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 4

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit —

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made —

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925, for the Rural District of Witney.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Prosecutions (4)
Factories - - - - - (Including Factory Laundries)	10	—	—
Workshops - - - - - (Including Workshop Laundries)	112	42	—
Workplaces - - - - - (Other than Outworkers' premises)	—	—	—
Total - -	122	42	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H. M. Inspector (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—				
Want of cleanliness - -	42	42	—	—
Want of drainage of floors -	2	2	—	—
Total - - -	44	44	—	—

EDWIN MORTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

5th June, 1926.

Rural District of Witney.

Causes of Death in 50.49.

	Causes of Death.	Male.	Female
	All Causes	87	108
1.	Enteric Fever	—	—
2.	Small pox	—	—
3.	Measles	—	—
4.	Scarlet fever	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	2	1
6.	Diphtheria	—	—
7.	Influenza	7	3
8.	Encephalitis lethargica	—	2
9.	Meningococcal meningitis	—	—
10.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	2	1
11.	Other tuberculous diseases	1	2
12.	Cancer, malignant disease	10	11
13.	Rheumatic fever	—	—
14.	Diabetes	—	2
15.	Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	5	14
16.	Heart disease	17	20
17.	Arterio-sclerosis	2	3
18.	Bronchitis	3	12
19.	Pneumonia (all forms)	2	2
20.	Other respiratory diseases	1	2
21.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	—
22.	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	—	—
23.	Appendicitis and typhlitis	1	—
24.	Cirrhosis of liver	1	—
25.	Acute and chronic nephritis	—	3
26.	Puerperal sepsis	—	1
27.	Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	—	—
28.	Congenital debility and malformation premature birth	1	—
29.	Suicide	—	1
30.	Other deaths from violence	3	1
31.	Other defined diseases	27	27
32.	Causes ill-defined or unknown	1	—
	Special Causes (included above)		
	Poliomyelitis	—	—
	Polioencephalitis	—	—
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Total	5	2
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Illegitimate	—	1
	Total Births	156	121
	Legitimate	154	116
	Illegitimate	2	5

Population ... 16,010.

Woodstock Borough, 1925.

I.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)—156.
Population (Census 1921, 1,502); Estimated (1925) 1548.
Number of inhabited houses (1921)—821.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)—828.
Rateable value—£4555 - 4 - 11.
Sum represented by a penny rate—£17 - 6 - 9.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

The town is pleasantly situated, being intersected by the steep and narrow valley of the Glyme, which forms the boundary between the old and new town. The geological formations are the Cornbrash, Forest Marble, and Great Oolite, all of the Bathonian series of the Jurassic system.

The chief industries are gloving and agriculture. The old fortnightly market is now only held once a month.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate ...	18	7	11.	Birth rate 12.2.
	Illegitimate ...	1	1	0	
Deaths		29	13	16.	Death rate 18.7.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth—1. From sepsis—0 From other causes—1

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1000 registered births–52.6.
Legitimate—1. Illegitimate—0. Total—1.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) 0.
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)... ... 0.
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ... 0.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Small Pox	0	—	—
Scarlet Fever	4	3	—
Diphtheria	0	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Para-typhoid	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—
Pneumonia	1	—	—
Other diseases generally notifiable: Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1	—	—
Other diseases notifiable locally	—	—	—

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

Cases Notified.	Treated. At home.	Treated. In hospital.	Vision unimpaired.	Vision impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths
1	—	1	—	—	—	—

Woodstock Borough, 1925. Notifications of Infectious Diseases according to age groups.

DISEASES.	All ages.	Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65—up
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	4	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	7	2	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	1	...	—

WOODSTOCK BOROUGH.

PREVALANCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notified Cases.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Diphtheria	1	1	2	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	...	...	...	..	1
Enteric Fever	...	...	1	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	1	...	1	1
Pneumonia	...	...	2	2	1
Scarlet Fever	1	...	2	2	4

WOODSTOCK BOROUGH, 1925.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age-Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA (1). This case was notified from Littlemore Asylum, in a man aet. 35, a patient in that Institution, belonging to your district, in April.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM (1). This case was notified from the Poor Law Institution, in the month of May.

PNEUMONIA (1). This was notified as occurring in an infant, in Brown's Lane, in the month of December.

SCARLET FEVER (4). Two cases were notified in October, one in Market Street, the other at the Post Office, both were removed to the Isolation Hospital, Abingdon; two cases were notified in November, one at the Police Station, a boy aet. 14, he was isolated at home, the other in a girl aet. 4, at Park Street, she was removed to the Isolation Hospital. No extension of the disease occurred in any of the cases.

WATER SUPPLY. No additional connections were made during the year.

SEWERS & SEWAGE DISPOSAL. No extensions or additions were made during the period under review.

ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

Byelaws with respect to Nuisances.

Public Health Staff. The Town Clerk, The Medical Officer of Health and the Inspector of Nuisances.

The following Summary, supplied by the Inspector of Nuisances, together with the Housing Report, sets forth in tabular form the work done during the year.

Borough of Woodstock. Summary of Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Year ending Dec. 31st, 1925.

	Number
Total number of Inspection made	27
Total number of Informal Notices served	11
Total number of Statutory Notices served	—
I.—NUISANCE. (P.H.A. 1875, S. 91).	
1. Complaints received	9
2. Nuisances detected with or without complaint	13
3. Nuisances abated	13
4. Statutory Notices served	—
5. Summonses taken out	—
6. Convictions	—
***II.—HOUSES, &c.**	
7. Total number of houses inspected	13
8. Total number of defective houses remedied	13
9. Cases of overcrowding detected	2
10. Cases of overcrowding abated	2
11. New houses erected	—
12. Dirty houses cleansed	—
13. Visits to infected houses	8
14. Houses disinfected	4
III.—DRAINS AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES.	
15. Defects found	6
16. Defects remedied	6
17. New closets constructed—E.C's. ... W.C's..... Total ...	—
18. Closets converted to more approved type	—
IV.—WATER SUPPLY.	
19. Certificates granted (P.H. Water Act, 1878, S. 6) ...	—
20. Public water supply laid on to houses	—
21. Wells cleansed and pollution prevented	—
22. Samples taken for Analysis	—
V.—FOOD.	
23. Seizures of unsound meat ... (28 lbs. Beef). ...	1
24. Seizures of other foods	—
VI.—SLAUGHTER HOUSES.	
25. Number in District	2
26. Number of inspections	4
27. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness ...	—
28. Number cleansed, limewashed, etc.	2
VII.—DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.	
29. Number of Dairymen on Register	2
30. Number of inspections made	4
31. Number of Notices served	—
32. Number of Notices complied with	—
VIII.—BAKEHOUSES.	
33. Number	3
34. Number of inspections made	6
35. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness ...	—
36. Number of Notices served	—
37. Number complied with	—
IX.—POLLUTION OF STREAMS, &c.	
38. Number of Notices	—
39. Number complied with	—
40. Complaints from the Thames Conservancy	—

* *For Summary of Housing Conditions and statistics of action taken under Housing, etc., Acts, vide Appendices.*

Name of Inspector—W. G. WILLOUGHBY.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year—
(*a*) Total —
(*b*) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ... —

I.—UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspection: (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 10

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation —

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... —

II.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 10

III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—
(*a*) by owners —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close —

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—
(*a*) by owners —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

C. Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit —

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made —

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925, for the Borough of Woodstock.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
Factories - - - - - (Including Factory Laundries)	14	—	—
Workshops - - - - - (Including Workshop Laundries)	14	—	—
Workplaces - - - - - (Other than Outworkers' premises)	—	—	—
Total - -	28	—	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H. M. Inspector (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—	None	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation :				
Insufficient - - -	1	1	—	—
TOTAL - -	1	1	—	—

EDWIN MORTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

8th June, 1926.

Borough of Woodstock.

Causes of Death in 50.24.

	Causes of Death (Civilians only).	Male.	Female
	All Causes	13	16
1.	Enteric Fever	—	—
2.	Small-pox	—	—
3.	Measles	—	—
4.	Scarlet fever	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	—	—
6.	Diphtheria	—	—
7.	Influenza	—	2
8.	Encephalitis lethargica	—	—
9.	Meningococcal meningitis	—	—
10.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system... ...	—	—
11.	Other tuberculous diseases	—	—
12.	Cancer, malignant disease...	3	—
13.	Rheumatic fever	—	—
14.	Diabetes	—	—
15.	Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	1	2
16.	Heart disease	3	1
17.	Arterio-sclerosis	2	—
18.	Bronchitis	—	1
19.	Pneumonia (all forms)	—	—
20.	Other respiratory diseases	1	2
21.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
22.	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	—	—
23.	Appendicitis and typhlitis	—	—
24.	Cirrhosis of liver	—	—
25.	Acute and chronic nephritis	1	—
26.	Puerperal sepsis	—	—
27.	Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	—	1
28.	Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	—	—
29.	Suicide	—	—
30.	Other deaths from violence	—	—
31.	Other defined diseases	2	7
32.	Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	—
	Special Causes (included above)		
	Poliomyelitis	—	—
	Polioencephalitis	—	—
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Total	—	1
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Illegitimate	—	—
	Total Births	8	11
	Legitimate	7	11
	Illegitimate	1	—

Population ... 1,548.

Woodstock Rural District, 1925.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)—47,698.

Population (Census 1921) 10,290; estimated (1925) 10,450.

Number of inhabited houses (1921)—2,652.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)—2,700.

Rateable value—£86,715.

Sum represented by a penny rate—£247 - 0 - 0.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

The District is bounded on the North by a line corresponding with a geological fault, which runs roughly in an East and West direction from Clifton to Swerford; on the East by the river Cherwell, with the exception of Hampton Gay and Hampton Poyle; on the South by the Isis; on the West by the Chipping Norton and Witney Rural Districts.

The geological formation of the central and largest part of the district consists of the Great Oolite, but in the North, and on the East side, as far as Northbrook Bridge, the subsoil consists of the Lower Lias Clay, the Mid Lias Marlstone and the Upper Lias Clay, while in the South part of the district Oxford Clay obtains; Coombe is situated on an outlier of the same formation. An irregular band of Cornbrash runs obliquely from S.W. to N.E., extending from Bladon to Shipton-on-Cherwell.

Agriculture is the chief occupation in the district, but at Stonesfield there is a gloving workshop; there is also gloving and kindred home-work in this and other villages. The University Paper Mills at Wolvercote absorb a considerable amount of local labour. None of these occupations appear to have any marked adverse influence on the public health.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate ...	176	87	89.	Birth rate 18.3
	Illegitimate ...	13	9	4.	
Deaths		143	68	75.	Death rate 12.2.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth—0. From sepsis—0. From other causes—0.

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1000 registered births—75.0.
Legitimate—7 Illegitimate—3. Total—10.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1.
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	0.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Small Pox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	10	7	—
Diphtheria	1	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—
Pneumonia	10	—	5
Other diseases generally notifiable :			
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	2	1	—
Erysipelas	6	—	—
Other diseases notifiable locally	—	—	—

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

Cases notified.	Treated		Vision unimpaired.	Vision impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths
	At home.	In hospital.				
5	4	1	5	—	—	—

Woodstock Rural District. Notifications of Infectious Diseases according to age periods.

DISEASES.	All ages.	Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10—15	15—20	20—35	35—45	45—65	65 up.
Diphtheria	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Erysipelas	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia	10	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	4
Scarlet Fever	10	...	...	...	1	2	3	2	...	2	...	...	...
Total ...	34												

WOODSTOCK RURAL DISTRICT—1925.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notified Cases.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Diphtheria	11	9	9	3	1
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	2	—	—	2	2
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	2	—
Erysipelas	1	—	7	3	6
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	1	—	5
Pneumonia	—	1	5	17	10
Polio-myelitis Acuta Anterior...	—	1	1	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	1	1	—
Scarlet Fever	13	7	18	14	10

WOODSTOCK RURAL DISTRICT.—1925.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
5 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
25 ...	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	1
35 ...	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	1
45 ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
55 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

DIPHTHERIA (1). This case was notified at Davenant Road in the month of January in a boy aet. 10, a positive swab was obtained, Antidiphtheritic serum injected, a good recovery ensued, no extension of the disease occurred.

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA (2). The first case occurred in April in a young man, aet. 18, at Kiddington, he was removed to the Radcliffe Infirmary and died there. The second case was notified from Littlemore Asylum in an inmate belonging to your district.

ERYSIPELAS (6). These cases were notified as follows: one in Feb. at Wolvercote, one in March at Middle Barton, one in June at Kidlington, one in August at Wolvercote, one in September at Middle Barton, one at Wolvercote in December.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM (5). These were notified as follows: Clifton one in October, one at Deddington in May, one at Dunstew in January, one at Tackley in April, one at Yarnton in November.

PNEUMONIA (10). These cases were notified as follows: Bladon one in February, Cutteslowe one in March, Deddington two in October, one in November, Kidlington one in February, one in September, Steeple Aston one in April.

SCARLET FEVER (10). The first case was notified from Davenant Road, Wolvercote, in February in an adult female; she was isolated at home, no extension took place. The next case was notified from Church Road, Wolvercote; as there were other children and the accommodation limited the patient was removed to Abingdon and disinfection carried out, no spread of the disease occurred. A case was notified at Steeple Aston in April and was removed to the Isolation Hospital: a further case was notified in May but it was not found necessary to remove the patient: in neither case was there any extension of the disease. In October cases occurred as follows: one at Blenheim Palace Garage, one at Campsfield, and one at New Road, Hensington Without, the two former were removed to the Isolation Hospital. A case notified from Begbroke in November was also removed to the Isolation Hospital as the father was a milkman. In December a case was notified at Wolvercote, and a further case at Blenheim Palace Garage, both were removed to the Isolation Hospital, no extension occurred.

WOODSTOCK R. D. SCHOOL CLOSURES, 1925.

School.	Date.	Disease.	Period.
Dunstew ...	Jan. 14th ...	Chicken Pox ...	10 days.
Glympton ...	Oct. 12th ...	Whooping cough ...	3 weeks.

WATER SUPPLIES. The proposed scheme for Steeple Barton has been abandoned. The proposed scheme for Clifton is in the hands of a civil engineer and it is hoped to proceed with it as soon as possible. An additional pump has been provided for Bladon village.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL. Twelve new earth closets and twenty-eight w.c.'s were constructed during the year, and during the same period fifty-five old-fashioned closets were converted to a more approved type.

COWSHEDS. At Yarnton, Mr. Putt's, at Jackson's Farm, Cowshed, additional lighting, concrete floor and drainage provided. At Middle Barton, Mr. T. A. Robinson's shed, a concrete floor and drainage channel provided. At Hampton Gay, Mr. H. Bartlett's shed has had a concrete floor laid down.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYELAWS & REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

BYELAWS dealing with New Streets and Buildings.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF. The Staff consists of The Clerk, The Medical Officer of Health, and a wholetime Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT. The appended Summary and Housing Report supplied by the Sanitary Inspector sets forth in tabular form the work done during the year.

Rural District of Woodstock. Summary of Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925.

	Number
Total number of Inspections made	752
Total number of Informal Notices served	226
Total number of Statutory Notices served	18
I.—NUISANCE. (P.H.A. 1875, S. 91).	
1. Complaints received	10
2. Nuisances detected with or without complaint	330
3. Nuisances abated	235
4. Statutory Notices served	18
5. Summonses taken out	2
6. Convictions	2
***II.—HOUSES, &c.**	
7. Total number of houses inpected	527
8. Total number of defective houses remedied	139
9. Cases of overcrowding detected	—
10. Cases of overcrowding abated	—
11. New houses erected	28
12. Dirty houses cleansed	29
13. Visits to infected houses	104
14. Houses disinfected	17
III.—DRAINS AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES.	
15. Defects found	156
16. Defects remedied	107
17. New closets constructed—E.C's. 12 W.C's. 28 (for new houses) Total	40
18. Closets converted to more approved type	55
IV.—WATER SUPPLY.	
19. Certificates granted (P.H. Water Act, 1878, S. 6)	7
20. Public water supply laid on to houses	19
21. Wells cleansed and pollution prevented	8
22. Samples taken for Analysis	12
V.—FOOD.	
23. Seizures of unsound meat	1 pig's carcase surrendered.
24. Seizures of other foods	—
VI.—SLAUGHTER HOUSES.	
25. Number in District	12
26. Number of inspections	30
27. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness	—
28. Number cleansed, limewashed, etc.	12
VII.—DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.	
29. Number of Dairymen on Register	102
30. Number of inspections made	228
31. Number of Notices served	14
32. Number of Notices complied with	10
VIII.—BAKEHOUSES.	
33. Number	11
34. Number of inspections made	22
35. Number found defective or lacking in cleanliness	—
36. Number of Notices served	—
37. Number complied with	—
IX.—POLLUTION OF STREAMS, &c.	
38. Number of Notices	1
39. Number complied with	1
40. Complaints from the Thames Conservancy	—

* *For Summary of Housing Conditions and statistics of action taken under Housing, etc., Acts, vide Appendices.*

Name of Inspector—PERCY WALTON,

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year—
(*a*) Total 28
(*b*) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ... —

I.—UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspection: (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 527

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 238

(3) Number or dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1

(4) Number of dwelling-honses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... —

II.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 139

III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs —

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—
(*a*) by owners —
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders become operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close —

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 18

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—
(*a*) by owners 10
(*b*) by Local Authority in default of owners ... —

C. Proceedings under Sections 17 & 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 1

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit 1

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made —

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders —

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1925, for the Rural District of Woodstock.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Prosecutions (4)
Factories - - - - - (Including Factory Laundries)	8	—	—
Workshops - - - - - (Including Workshop Laundries)	26	—	—
Workplaces - - - - - (Other than Outworkers' premises)	—	—	—
Total - - -	34	—	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H. M. Inspector (4)	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—				
Want of Cleanliness - -	—	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation— Unsuitable or defective	1	—	—	—
Total - - -	1	—	—	—

3rd May, 1926.

EDWIN MORTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

Rural District of Woodstock.

Causes of death in 50.58.

	Causes of death.	Male.	Female
	All Causes	68	75
1.	Enteric Fever	—	—
2.	Small-pox	—	—
3.	Measles	1	—
4.	Scarlet Fever	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	—	—
6.	Diphtheria	—	—
7.	Influenza	3	4
8.	Encephalitis lethargica	1	—
9.	Meningococcal meningitis...	—	—
10.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	2	3
11.	Other tuberculous diseases	1	3
12.	Cancer, malignant diseases	6	14
13.	Rheumatic fever	1	—
14.	Diabetes	1	—
15.	Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c....	10	8
16.	Heart disease	11	13
17.	Arterio-sclerosis	2	3
18.	Bronchitis	2	2
19.	Pneumonia (all forms)	3	2
20.	Other respiratory diseases	—	1
21.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	—	—
22.	Diarrhœa, &c. (under two years)	—	—
23.	Appendicitis and typhlitis	—	2
24.	Cirrhosis of liver	—	—
25.	Acute and chronic nephritis	3	1
26.	Puerperal sepsis	—	—
27.	Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	—	—
28.	Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	3	2
29.	Suicide	—	—
30.	Other deaths from violence	2	—
31.	Other defined diseases	15	17
32.	Causes ill-defined or unknown	1	—
	Special Causes (included above)		
	Poliomyelitis	—	—
	Polioencephalitis	—	—
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Total	6	4
	Deaths of Infants under 1 year — Illegitimate	2	1
	Total Births	96	93
	Legitimate	87	89
	Illegitimate	9	4

Population ... 10,450.

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